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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	:	Rodier et al.)	Examiner:
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For	:	GENETIC POLYMORPHISMS WHICH)	
		ARE ASSOCIATED WITH AUTISM)	
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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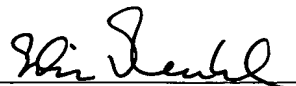
Dear Sir:

In response to the May 19, 2003, written restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group II (i.e., claims 37 and 41) with traverse. Applicants submit that the claims of the present application are closely related and, therefore, require common areas of search and consideration. Since no benefit is derived from imposing this restriction requirement, it should be withdrawn in its entirety.

In addition, on November 1, 2001, applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement together with a three-page PTO-1449 form (copy enclosed). Initialed copies of these PTO-1449 forms were not received by applicants. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the cited references be considered and that the PTO-1449 pages be initialed to reflect such consideration and be sent to applicants' undersigned attorney.

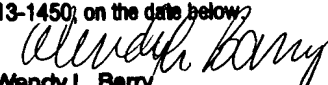
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